UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

JAN KONOPCA, : Civil Action No.:

Plaintiff, : **COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATIONS**

OF THE TELEPHONE

-against- : CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT

TATE & KIRLIN ASSOCIATES, INC., : **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

Defendants.

Plaintiff, JAN KONOPCA ("Plaintiff"), by and through his attorneys, The Law Office of Alan J. Sasson, P.C., as and for its Complaint against the Defendant, TATE & KIRLIN ASSOCIATES, INC. (hereinafter referred to as "Defendant"), respectfully sets forth, complains and alleges, upon information and belief, the following:

INTRODUCTION/PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

1. Plaintiff brings this action on his own behalf for damages and declaratory and injunctive relief arising from the Defendant's violation(s) under Title 47 of the United States Code, §227 commonly known as the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA).

PARTIES

- 2. Plaintiff JAN KONOPCA is a resident of the State of New Jersey, residing at 3 Riverview Avenue, Long Branch, New Jersey 07740.
- 3. Defendant TATE & KIRLIN ASSOCIATES, INC. is a Pennsylvania corporation with an office at 2810 Southampton Road, Philadelphia, PA 19154.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 4. The Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to <u>28 USC §1331</u>, as well as <u>15 USC §1692</u> *et seq.* and <u>28 U.S.C. §2201</u>. If applicable, the Court also has pendent jurisdiction over the state law claims in this action pursuant to <u>28 U.S.C. §1367(a)</u>.
 - 5. Venue is proper in this judicial district pursuant to <u>28 U.S.C.</u> § <u>1391(b)(2)</u>.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 6. Plaintiff repeats, reiterates and incorporates the allegations contained in paragraphs numbered "1" through "5" herein with the same force and effect as if the same were set forth at length herein.
- 7. Upon information and belief, the Defendant commenced communication with Plaintiff beginning June 28, 2010 by placing auto-dialed calls via an automatic telephone dialing system, to Plaintiff's mobile telephone number of 732 309 6366 at a rate of three times per day.
- 8. Defendant's telephone calls originated from numbers (602) 298-0224, (800) 298-3600, (267) 672-5071, (866) 923-5194 and (212) 464-4500, which numbers belong to Defendant.
- 9. On or about July 5, 2010, Plaintiff placed a telephone call to Defendant and spoke with a representative of Defendant, requesting that the telephone calls cease and desist immediately.
- 10. Despite Defendant agreeing to cease the calls, said auto-dialed calls resumed and continued, through and including December 28, 2011.
- Defendant's calls to Plaintiff's mobile telephone amounted to approximately
 450 calls.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION (Violations of the TCPA)

- 12. Plaintiff repeats, reiterates and incorporates the allegations contained in paragraphs numbered "1" through "11" herein with the same force and effect as if the same were set forth at length herein.
- 13. According to the Telephone Consumer Protection Act 47 USC §227(b)(A)(iii), it shall be unlawful for any person within the United States, or any person outside the United States if the recipient is within the United States to make any call (other than a call made for emergency purposes or made with the prior express consent of the called party) using any automatic telephone dialing system or an artificial or prerecorded voice to any telephone number assigned to a cellular telephone service or any service for which the called party is charged for the call.
- 14. Defendant willfully violated TCPA 47 USC §227(b)(A)(iii) by waging a campaign of unauthorized autodialed telephone calls to Plaintiff's cellular telephone at a rate of three times per day for six months despite Plaintiff's request to cease and desist.
- 15. As a result of Defendant's violations of the TCPA, Plaintiff has been damaged and is entitled to damages of \$675,000.00 in accordance with the TCPA.

DEMAND FOR TRIAL BY JURY

16. Plaintiff hereby respectfully requests a trial by jury for all claims and issues in its Complaint to which it is or may be entitled to a jury trial.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment from the Defendant as follows:

- A. For damages to be awarded to the Plaintiff in accordance with the TCPA, for each of the Defendant's four hundred and fifty (450) plus willful or knowing violations of the TCPA, for damages of \$675,000.00.
 - B. For attorneys' fees and costs.
- C. For any such other and further relief, as well as further costs, expenses and disbursements of this action, as this Court may deem just and proper.

Dated: Brooklyn, New York January 9, 2014

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